This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-20.  (Cancelled)

21.    (New) A method for notification of messages comprising:

receiving a notification from a first message server by an enhanced notification server, wherein the notification comprises attributes associated with an incoming message intended for a subscriber of the first message server and a first identification associating the subscriber with the first message server;

upon receiving the notification, mapping the first identification to a second identification that associates the subscriber with a communications device of a second message server, wherein the mapping is performed by the enhanced notification server;

querying the second message server by the enhanced notification server, using the second identification, to determine availability of the communications device; and

forwarding the notification by the enhance notification server to the communications device if the second message server indicates that the communications device is available.

22.    (New) The method of claim 21, further comprising queuing the notification at the enhanced notification server for a later delivery if the communications device is not available.

23.     (New) The method of claim 21, further comprising attaching the incoming message to the notification.

24.     (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the first message server is a voicemail server.

25.     (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the attributes comprise one or more of an identity of a sender of the incoming message, a date of the incoming message, a time of the incoming message, and a size of the incoming message.

26.     (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the second message server is an instant messaging presence server.

27.     (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the communications device is an instant messaging client.

28.     (New) A communications system comprising:

        a first message server, wherein the first message server is configured to receive an incoming message intended for a subscriber and to send a notification based on the incoming message;

        an enhanced notification server in communication with the first message server, wherein the enhanced notification server is configured to receive the notification from the first message server, extract a first identification associated with the subscriber and to

map the first identification to a second identification of the subscriber, wherein the

second identification is associated with a communications device; and

a second message server in communication with the enhanced notification server,

wherein the second message server is configured to, upon receiving a query from the

enhanced notification server, determine availability of the communications device based

on the second identification,

wherein when the first message server receives the incoming message, the first

message server sends a notification to the enhanced notification server,

wherein when the enhanced notification server receives the notification, the

enhanced notification server queries the second message server for the availability of the

communications device, and

wherein the enhanced notification server sends the notification to the

communications device if the second message server indicates that the communications

device is available.

29.     (New)  The system of claim 28, wherein the enhanced notification server queues the

notification for a later delivery if the communications device is not available.

30.     (New)  The system of claim 28, wherein communications between the first message

server and the enhanced notification server involves an IP networks.

31.     (New)  The system of claim 28, wherein one of the first message server and the enhanced

notification server is configured to attach the incoming message to the notification.

32.    (New)  The system of claim 28, wherein communications between the enhanced

notification server and the second message server involves an IP network.

33.    (New)  The system of claim 28, wherein the incoming message is one of a voicemail

message and a fax message.

34.    (New)  The system of claim 28, wherein the first message server comprises a profile for

each of its subscribers regarding how notification of incoming messages should be performed.

35.    (New)  The system of claim 28, wherein the communications device is an instance

messaging client and the second message server is an instant messaging presence server.

36.    (New)  An enhanced notification server comprising:

        a microprocessor configured to

                receive a notification of an incoming message from a first message server,

                extract a first identification from the notification, the first identification is

        associated with a subscriber of the first message server,

                map the first identification to identification, the second identification is

        associated with a communications device of a second message server,

                query the second message server, using the second identification, to

        determine availability of the communications device, and

forward one or both of the notification and the incoming message to the

communications device if the second message server indicates that the

communications device is available.

37.     (New)  The enhanced notification server of claim 36, wherein the notification relates to a

receipt of an incoming message at the first message server.

38.     (New)  The enhanced notification server of claim 36, wherein the microprocessor is

further configured to query the communications device whether the incoming message should be

forwarded.

39.     (New)  The enhanced notification server of claim 36, wherein the microprocessor is

further configured to retrieve the incoming message from the first message server.

40.     (New)  The enhanced notification server of claim 36, wherein the microprocessor is

further configured to forward the incoming message to the communications device.